

OVERVIEW

This brochure provides information on the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program.

The Wastewater Branch of the Environmental Management Division of the Department of Health administers the statewide engineering and financial functions relating to water pollution control, municipal and private wastewater treatment works program, individual wastewater systems program, and is responsible for the overall management and implementation of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program.

The CWSRF Program assists local government agencies by providing low interest loans to construct, modify or rehabilitate point source and non-point source water pollution control projects necessary to prevent contamination of our groundwater and coastal water resources and to protect and promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Hawaii.



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Hawaii's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program



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Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund, with over \$260 million in assets, provides below-market interest rate loans to assist local governments expand and improve their water pollution control infrastructures. Projects constructed address both point source and non-point source (NPS) pollution control facilities. Loans of up to 100% of project costs may be awarded for facility planning, project design, and/or construction.

Benefits of a CWSRF Loan

- Low interest rates, 1%-2% below the prevailing 20-year municipal bond rate.
- Fixed interest rates with a 20-year payback.
- Loan repayment begins one year after the Notice to Proceed or date of Final Loan Agreement, whichever is later.
- No ongoing expenses associated with a local bond issue.
- Friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable staff with over 50 years of combined experience.

Sources of Loan Funds

- Federal dollars: Congress appropriates funds annually to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which then allots those funds to the states based upon set formulas.
- State match: Each state is required to provide a 20% match.
- Loan repayments: Principal and interest from repayments are returned to the fund which in turn, grows the funds available for loans.

Who Should Apply for a CWSRF Loan

Any local government entity may apply for CWSRF financing. An ability to repay must be substantiated by the Department of Health (DOH) along with meeting other specified standards.

How to Apply

- Applicants must complete a “Proposed Project For SRF Funding Form” for each project.
- Submit all forms to DOH.
- DOH will rank projects based the State Priority System Policy.
- All eligible projects will be put on a Priority List. Only projects found on the Priority List can be awarded CWSRF loans.
- An Intended Use Plan (IUP) is prepared annually. It includes the Priority List as well as projects the DOH has committed to fund during the upcoming fiscal year.

SRF forms are available on our website;
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Eligibility

- Projects that strengthen compliance with Federal and State regulations and/or enhance protection of public health.
- There is a minimum loan amount of \$1,000,000 for CWSRF projects.

The following are examples of projects that are eligible for CWSRF funding:

Point Source Projects:

- New, expanded or rehabilitated wastewater treatment plants.
- Sludge treatment & disposal facilities including biosolids reuse.
- Collector, trunk and interceptor sewers.
- Sewer rehabilitation and infiltration/inflow correction.
- Septage handling & marine vessel pump out and treatment facilities.
- Publicly-owned water reuse distribution lines and systems.

Non-Point Source Projects:

- Equipment purchase of street sweepers and catch basin vacuum vehicles; sediment traps and basins.
- Replacement of cesspools with septic tanks, aerobic units, or treatment plants.
- Capping and closure of municipal solid waste landfills, landfill reclamation, landfill leachate collection, storage and treatment, and landfill gas collection and control systems.
- Brownfield projects eligible for the CWSRF include site assessments, UST removal and disposal, contaminated soil or sediment removal and disposal, capping wells or soil, remediation of stormwater runoff, and monitoring groundwater and surface water for contaminants.